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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant:  | ERICKSON   | Examiner:       | C. K. WORLEY |
| Serial No.: | 10/519,811   | Group Art Unit: | 1638         |
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| Title:      | NOVEL INDUCIBLE GENES FROM ALFALFA AND METHODS OF<br>USE THEREOF |                 |              |

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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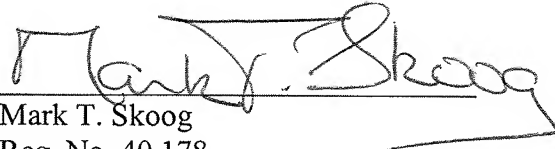
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 14, 2007, said period of response being extended from April 14, 2007 to May 14, 2007.

Please charge the amount of \$120 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,  
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